

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. - 7. (canceled)

8. (currently amended): A digital camera comprising:

a digital image unit that generates a digital image based on an optical image of an object;
an internal memory in which an existing image is stored;

a selection receiving unit that receives selection of the existing image stored in the internal memory;

an object image outputting unit that outputs the digital image to a removable memory and that relates the digital image to the selected existing image; and

~~an existing image outputting unit that outputs the selected existing image to the removable memory before the digital image is outputted to the removable memory.~~

a determining unit that determines whether an existing image, which is identical to the selected existing image, is stored in the removable memory,

wherein, if the determining unit determines that the existing image, which is identical to the selected existing image, is stored in the removable memory, then the selected existing image is not output to the removable memory, and

wherein if the determining unit determines that the existing image, which is identical to the selected existing image, is not stored in the removable memory, then the selected existing

image is output to the removable memory.

9. - 20. (canceled)

21. (new): The digital camera according to claim 8 further comprising an existing image outputting unit that outputs the selected existing image to the removable memory before the digital image is outputted to the removable memory.

22. (new). The digital camera according to claim 8 further comprising an existing image outputting unit that outputs the selected existing image to the removable memory, at each time of interchanging the removable memory.